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YANGON, 10 NOV— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt hosted a working dinner in honour of Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen,

Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Boungnang Vorachith, Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and guests who arrived here to attend the four-country Summit Meeting on Economic Co-

operation Strategy at the Executive Club Lounge of Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Road at 8 pm today.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets Cambodian PM

YANGON, 10 NOV — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen and party at 7 pm today at the Sedona Hotel. Cambodian Prime Minister and party arrived

here to attend the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy. Also present at the call were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Deputy Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Saw Hla Min and Director-General of the Political Department U Thaung Tun and Cambodia Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hul Phany. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen at Sedona hotel. —MNA

Second Ministerial Meeting on the Economic Cooperation Strategy between Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand held

YANGON, 10 NOV— The Second Ministerial Meeting on the Economic Cooperation Strategy between Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand hosted by Myanmar was held at Mindon Room of Sedona Hotel this evening.

Present were Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, the deputy ministers, Myanmar ambassadors to Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand, senior officials, Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia Mr Hornam-hong, Minister of Agricul-

ture, Forestry and Fisheries Mr Chan Sarun, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Tourism Mr Thong Khon, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport Mr Tram Iv Tek, under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Mr Long Visalo, Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hul Phany and senior officials; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Mr Somphong Mong-

kho Univil, Minister of Industry and Handicraft Mr Onnuea Phomma Chanh, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr Sitaheng Rasphone, Deputy Minister of Commerce (See page 9)

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PERSPECTIVES

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Towards development of tourism industry

In the world today, tourism industry has become more and more popular and therefore every nation is trying to develop their tourism industry by preserving the unspoilt natural beauty and renovating ancient cultural edifices.

The Union of Myanmar also has a lot of potential for the development of tourism industry because it has so many places of historical interest. Tourists visiting our country are specially interested in Bagan archaeological region, the cultural heart of Myanmar, where there are thousand-year-old pagodas and ancient cultural buildings decorated with ten Myanmar traditional arts and crafts. Moreover, Myanmar has a long coastal line, with its beautiful islands, coral reefs and rich variety of animal species and plants, is a great attraction for tourists who would like to holiday while making a study of nature.

Kachin State in the north of Myanmar is endowed with breath-taking natural scenery. It was once very difficult of access and, due to the lack of peace and stability, it was not easy to travel from one township to another in the state. Now, it is no longer so. Peace is prevailing all over the state and the national brethren, showing genuine goodwill and understanding towards one another, are making concerted efforts for regional and national development.

The military attaches and their families, accompanied by the senior officers of the Ministry of Defence, on 5 and 6 November, made a study tour of Kachin State and they visited the confluence of Maykha and Malikha rivers, the Mulashedi suspension bridge and the Khakaborazi National Garden in Myitkyina and Putao townships.

As Putao township is an area tourists take great interest in, the local people should try to develop tourism industry in their region by preserving beautiful natural scenery and protecting rare species of flora and fauna.

As Myanmar Travel Association and Myanmar Hoteliers Association have now been systematically formed, these two organizations should cooperate with respective departments for the development of tourism industry and try their utmost to provide the best service to the tourists visiting our country.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends Matho Thingan offering ceremony of Maha Muni Image in Mandalay

YANGON, 10 Nov—The 14th Matho Thingan offering ceremony of Maha Muni Image in Mandalay was held at the pandal of Mogaung Dhammayon of the pagoda on 8 November morning, attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Maha Muni Image Yedaw Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Pannavamsa, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife, senior military officers, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt, Secretary of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tin Ohn and departmental officials, the Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and members, social organizations and others.

First, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party paid homage to the Buddha Image and offered flowers, water and light to it. They next offered Shwethingan to the Buddha Image.

Next, the ceremony was held at the Mogaung Dhammayon where officials

presented Matho Thingan to Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and officials, members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, wellwishers and others conveyed the Matho Thigandaw, Tabetdaw, Thinbaingdaw and Ayekathi Thingandaw in the precinct of the pagoda clockwise.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party offered Matho Thingan, Tabetdaw, Thinbaingdaw and Ayekathi Thingandaw to the Buddha Image.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended the seventh communal Kathinarobes offering ceremony of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council being held at Maha Atulawayyan (Atumashi) Kyaung. The ceremony was opened with the three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*.

Next, the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Chairman of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Dahattaw Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sujatasara. Next, members of the Sangha recited *parittas*.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party, and officials presented Kathinarobes



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence offers a Matho Thingan to Maha Muni Buddha Image at 14th Matho Thingan offering ceremony. — MNA

and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, Chairman of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Myataungtaik Shwewawin Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sasanabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

The ceremony ended with the three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Tithathu*. — MNA

President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe attends opening of youth centres in Kyauktan, Pazundaung Townships

YANGON, 10 Nov — Under the programme of teenager reproductive health project, organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and

United Nations Funds for Population Activities (UNFPA), Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division MCWA opened youth centres at Myaingthaya Model village, Kyauktan Township Yangon South District and Pazundaung Township, Yangon East District this morning.

Present on the occasion were President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and executives, Patron of Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay and members of panel of patrons, resident representative of the UNFPA Mr Najib M Assifi and others. Patron of Supervisory Committee for

Yangon Division MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay and resident representative of the UNFPA Mr Najib M Assifi formally opened the youth centre built in Myaingthaya Model village.

Next, President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe formally unveiled the signboard of the youth centre. Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay presented commemorative flags to President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and resident representative of the UNFPA Mr Najib M Assifi. Afterwards, President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe signed in the visitors' book and viewed round the youth centre.

Similar opening ceremony of youth centre was

held at Maha Bandoora Housing, on Maha Bandoora Street, Pazundaung Township this morning. President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe explained the purpose of opening the youth centre and resident representative of the UNFPA Mr Najib M Assifi explained about the projects implemented by the UNFPA.

After the ceremony, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party viewed round the youth centre.

The youth centres were opened in Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Sagaing Divisions and Shan State (East) during 2003 and the ones in Yangon Division open from 1 pm to 8 pm daily except Tuesday. Those interested may contact the centres.

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President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe explains the purpose of opening the youth centre at Maha Bandoora Housing on Maha Bandoora Street in Pazundaung Township. — MNA



President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe views round the youth centre at Maha Bandoora Housing on Maha Bandoora Street in Pazundaung Township. — MNA



Bomb fears force Baghdad kids to skip school

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov—School is out again in Baghdad. Since Oct 27, when a series of suicide bombings devastated the local Red Cross headquarters and three police stations throughout the city, killing 35 people and wounding more than 200, parents have agonised over sending their children to school.

They desperately want their children to resume their studies, which have been interrupted by months of war. But the parents fear that those who have terrorised the city will eventually attack schools, and when it comes to their children, they are unwilling to take any chances.

'I'm not going to lose my daughter for the sake of bravado or because of carelessness,' said Ms Reem Kubba, 36. 'I'm not going to sacrifice my daughter.'

The effusive poet and author kept her 11-year-old daughter Laylak out of school for 10 days after the bombings.

The attacks kicked off a calculated campaign to frighten Iraqis. After the

bombings, a leaflet began to circulate throughout Baghdad urging all schools, offices and shops to close for three days starting from on 1 Nov.

'Anyone who does not abide by these instructions assumes the risk to his life and belongings,' warned the flyer, signed by 'the Baath party'.

Baghdad's rumour mill, aided by satellite TV, picked up the warning and amplified it. A friend told Ms Kubba that the flyer promised three 'days of blood' and specifically threatened to bomb a school.

Another friend told her that teachers found a 'bucket of bombs' inside a package of textbooks delivered to a

different school.

'Iraqi television said that there was a bomb in a school and everyone was talking about it,' said Ms Ahlam Jarrala, 40, who kept her two children home for several days. 'These rumours spread very quickly.' At the Taglubia Primary School in a working-class Baghdad neighbourhood, only 100 out of 712 students showed up on 1 Nov.

'My parents didn't want me to come,' said Noor Chiad, 13, shyly adjusting her headscarf. 'My parents said, "Don't go to school today because there might be a bombing in the schools." They were afraid of the terrorists.'

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Military sources say Soviet missile brought down Black Hawk

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov—It was a Soviet-built missile which brought down the US helicopter Friday in Iraq, near Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, killing all six aboard, CNN reported.

Quoting military sources, the report said Friday's deadly crash added to a bloody week for the coalition forces in Iraq. Thirty-seven US troops and one Polish soldier died in Iraq in the first week of November.

Sources with the 4th Infantry Division told CNN they suspect a Soviet-built Kolomna KBM Strela-3 low-altitude surface-to-air missile hit the Black Hawk helicopter, using an infrared guidance system.

Earlier, US military officials had ruled out the use of SAMs in the crash but had not discounted the Black Hawk went down as a result of hostile fire.—Internet



Soldiers of the 1st Armoured Division hold a sign reading in Arabic 'STOP, a checkpoint ahead of you, wait for instruction on the Leader bridge in Baghdad, on 9 Nov, 2003. Security has increased after the recent attacks to the US-led coalition forces in the Iraqi capital.—INTERNET

388 US soldiers killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov—As of Friday, 7 Nov, 388 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. The department did not provide an update Saturday or Sunday.

The British military has reported 52 deaths; Denmark, Spain, Ukraine and Poland reported one each.

On or since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 250 US soldiers have died in Iraq, according to the latest Defence Department figures.

Since the start of military operations, 1,889 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures as of Friday. Non-hostile injured numbered 341.

The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

— A 1st Armored Division soldier was

killed Saturday by an explosive while on patrol in Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence:

— Army Staff Sgt Mark D Vasquez, 35, Port Huron, Mich; killed by an explosive Saturday in Fallujah; assigned to 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division; Fort Riley, Kan.

— Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sharon T Swartworth, 43, Virginia; killed Friday in a Black Hawk helicopter crash near Tikrit; Swartworth was the regimental warrant officer for the Judge Advocate General Office; based at Headquarters Department of the Army, Pentagon.—Internet

Air India to buy 28 new aircraft

NEW DELHI, 10 Nov—India's flag-carrier Air India will buy a total of 28 new planes from both Airbus Industrie and Boeing Co over the next five years in a purchase worth \$2.1 billion, news reports said Sunday.

The airline will buy 10 long-range A-340 jets from European consortium Airbus and 18 short-range 737-800s from its American rival Boeing, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

The purchase was approved Saturday at a meeting of the airline's board, airline spokesman Jitendra Bhargava was quoted as saying by The Asian Age newspaper. Airline officials couldn't immediately be reached for comment. The airline currently has a fleet of 33 planes.—Internet

US sales frenzy at Cuban fair, sugar deal opposed

HAVANA, 10 Nov—US companies, some complaining politics at home was blocking their growing business with Cuba, landed new deals on Friday to sell grain, chicken, tomato paste, mayonnaise, spaghetti sauce and gum.

The frenzy of contracts with the Cuban food import agency Alimport totaled 26 million US dollars for the day and 52 million US dollars for the week at Havana's annual trade fair.

Agribusiness giant Archer Daniels Midland of Decatur, Illinois, signed for another 17 million US dollars in grains, oil, meal and soy beans. Trading company Louis Dreyfus, of Atlanta, Georgia, sold 6,000 tons of chicken leg quarters for 3.5-4 million US dollars.

Throughout the week, a line of companies that are American household names — Tyson Foods, Goldkist, Sysco Corp, ConAgra Foods Inc, — secured more business with the government of President Fidel Castro, in power since a 1959 revolution.

MNA/Reuters

Malaysian PM advises leaders to tell truth

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Nov—Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi on Sunday advised leaders of the ruling National Front (BN) to tell him the truth so that the government can take effective and timely action to resolve problems.

"Tell me the truth. At times people do not give truthful information... afraid that I may cry or cannot sleep over it but as the leader we have to hear the truth. If unwilling to hear the truth, then there is no need to be a leader," the Prime Minister said when opening the Malaysia Indian Congress (MIC) Convention here. BN, which groups 14 political parties including MIC, was set up in 1974. In 1999 general election, BN won 148 seats in the 193-member Lower House.

MIC was established in 1946 to work for rights and interests of the Indians in the country. Abdullah, also chairman of the ruling National Front (BN), said leaders should be bold, brave and strong to hear the truth for only after knowing the truth could correct actions be taken to improve the situation.

"We must know the real problem facing the people so that our response will be precise and the action taken will be effective," he said.— MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier inspects the side of the road after a British soldier was injured in Basra, southern Iraq, on 9 Nov, 2003 when a land mine exploded. Two British military vehicles were driving by the city's teaching hospital on their way to the main army base in one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces when the blast occurred, according to an Iraqi police officer.

INTERNET

Iran to suspend uranium enrichment in coming days

TEHERAN, 10 Nov—Iran said on Sunday it will suspend uranium enrichment activities in the coming days in line with demands of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Government spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi told reporters that "in the course of the coming days, Iran will implement and announce the suspension of uranium enrichment". On Saturday, IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei said in Vienna that Iran will give letters next week making official its acceptance of nuclear inspections and a suspension of its uranium enrichment programme.

"Next week we will get the letter for conclusion of the additional protocol," ElBaradei told reporters after meeting with Hassan Rohani, head of the Iranian Supreme National Security. Last Sunday, Iran said that its uranium enrichment was conducted only in a very primitive stage under the supervision of IAEA, however, it was going to stop the uranium enrichment process voluntarily to prove its goodwill.

MNA/Xinhua

Shocking images shame US forces in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov—Fearful women and children bound by US soldiers in their home. A series of shocking pictures revealing US soldiers tying up Iraqi women and children in their own home has provoked international outrage.

The occupying forces have now come under renewed fire for their treatment of ordinary Iraqis as shown in the pictures published today by Aljazeera.net.

CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, is conducting an investigation and seeking advice before taking further action.

"This kind of image increases resentment of American troops in Iraq and can also play a major part in demoralising troops who are having to tie up small children.

"We are seeking to raise this issue further in the appropriate arena," said Washington CAIR spokesman Ibrahim Hooper.

A spokesman for the London-based Islamic Observation Centre said the

pictures showed a "complete disregard for the human rights of the Iraqi people".

He added: "A normal human being should be repulsed by the very idea of tying up children.

"You have to question the mental state of soldiers who are being forced to do this."

The IOC recently supplied pictures to Aljazeera.net showing US soldiers frisking a four-year-old boy in an Afghan village in Paktika as part of a military operation.

A senior officer justified the action at the time saying the child could have been carrying explosives. He added the security of US soldiers came first before any hearts and minds operation.

Those particular pictures provoked

a huge, mixed response from Aljazeera users who inundated the website with feedback expressing concern.

This latest series of pictures was sent to US military headquarters Centcom in Florida for a comment. Major David Farlow warned Aljazeera.net not to publish the pictures on this site.

"It would be irresponsible. I can't second guess what has happened here without knowing all the facts but US forces operating in Iraq have to use the appropriate level of restraint to the mission.

"US soldiers will use minimum forces wherever possible," he added.

However John Rees, head of the British Stop The War Coalition, condemned the behaviour of the occupying forces.

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US warplanes renew bombing of Iraq targets

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov—US warplanes bombed targets in Iraq on Sunday in air strikes that resumed last week for the first time in more than six months after the shooting down of three US helicopters.

The renewed air strikes came as Iraq's interim foreign minister promised that local leaders would meet a December deadline for setting out a path toward self-rule.

The pledge by Hoshiyar Zebari came amid frustration expressed by occupation officials that Iraqi politicians have not moved more quickly to draw up plans for taking over power. In the new air strikes, F-16 fighter-bombers dropped three 500-pound bombs near the flashpoint town of Falluja, in the area west of Baghdad where 16 American soldiers were killed when a U.S. Chinook helicopter was downed a week ago. The air strikes early on Sunday followed attacks on US troops, a US military source said. He had no precise details.

Warplanes dropped 500-pound bombs on suspected guerrilla hideouts on Friday night around Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, 175 km (110 miles) north of Baghdad, where a US Black Hawk helicopter was shot down that day, killing all six aboard. That was the first time U.S. planes had bombed Iraq since the official end of major combat on May 1. A third US helicopter, a Black Hawk, was downed near Tikrit on October 25. Another US soldier was killed and a comrade wounded late on Saturday when their vehicle ran over a bomb in Baghdad. A bomb also wounded a British soldier in the southern city of Basra.—Internet

Canada's UN Ambassador quitting post early

OTTAWA, 10 Nov—Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations — best known for trying to broker a deal to avert the US invasion of Iraq — will leave his post at the end of the year, officials said on Friday.

The Foreign Ministry said Paul Heinbecker, whose term as ambassador was due to run out in the middle of next year, would take a job in academia. No reason was given for his early departure. — MNA/Reuters

China, Zambia vow to enhance cooperation between legislatures

BEIJING, 10 Nov — Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo and Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa agreed here Friday to enhance cooperation between the two countries' legislatures.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), said the NPC, China's top legislature, hopes to strengthen contact with the Zambian National Assembly to promote exchanges between regions and parties of the two countries and stimulate bilateral ties.

Wu told visiting Mwanawasa that China and Zambia share long-term friendship. The two peoples have supported and helped each other in national development and international affairs.

As developing countries, both China and Zambia shoulder the heavy task of developing economy and improving people's living standard, Wu said, adding that to enhance and expand cooperation between the two countries is in the basic interest of the two peoples.

Mwanawasa, who is on his first visit to China, said cooperation with China is of vital importance to Zambia, including between legislation bodies and ruling parties, Mwanawasa said.

The Zambian people cherish friendship with the Chinese and he hoped to learn more China and expand cooperation, including between legislation bodies and ruling parties, Mwanawasa said.

MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier stands guard at the site where a British army jeep was hit by an explosion near the medical college hospital in central Basra, southern Iraq, on 9 Nov, 2003.—INTERNET

Delegates in WEDDC highlights credibility in economy

ZHUHAI, 10 Nov—Heated discussion went on about building credibility in the economy on the second day of the World Economic Development Declaration Conference (WEDDC) & China Business Summit.

China issued a declaration on world economic growth by itself for the first time at the conference, calling for promoting equality, credibility, cooperation and development in global market.

China has to improve its social credit system and create an environment of fair competition, especially to build credibility of Chinese enterprises, which is vital to the operation of a healthy economy, said Wang Zhongfu, director-general of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce.

In the past two years, a number of company and accounting scandals worldwide have caught attention for improving credibility, said Vickie A. Tillman, global executive vice-president of US-based Standard & Poor Corporation.

The Credit Alliance of Chinese and Foreign Enterprises was founded on October 20 this year in Beijing.

In a huge market of con-

sumer products like China, Chinese enterprises need to pay more attention to their company images and brands, said Shelly Lazarus, CEO and president of Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide.

A good company image and brand will contribute to building credibility of the company and develop loyal clients, she added.

China has faced great challenges in supervising its banking sector after it entered the World Trade Organization (WTO) and integrating with the global economy, said Liu Mingkang, chairman of China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC).

The CBRC, China's banking watchdog founded in April this year, has worked to improve supervision on banks in line with prudent management principles and impose serious punishment on illegal operations, Liu said.

MNA/Xinhua

Water rationing set for residents of east China province

NANCHANG, 10 Nov — East China's Jiangxi Province will possibly introduce water rationing for urban domestic, industrial and agricultural use in 2004 to curb waste.

A spokesman for the provincial hydrological bureau said the bureau had worked out two water-saving programmes that set quotas for urban residents and major industrial products to prevent a possible water crisis.

Urban residents in Nanchang, the provincial capital, will be assigned a daily quota of 170 to 210 litres each, under the pro-

grammes which are still under consideration by experts from the quality management, water resources, water supply and health departments.

At the end of 2002, the daily per-capita water consumption of Chinese urban residents was 219 litres.

Under the programmes, office workers will be given 200 litres of water each day while 2,000 litres will go to

MNA/Xinhua



Anti-US activists during an anti-combat rally in Seoul. President Roh Moo-Hyun is to convene a meeting to decide whether the country will accede to US demands to send South Korean troops to Iraq.

INTERNET

Syria slams US Mideast democracy push

DAMASCUS, 10 Nov— Syria's official Press slammed US President George W Bush's call for democracy in the Middle East on Saturday, saying freedom could not be imposed by force and that Arabs did not need lessons on democracy.

Bush challenged foes freedom."

Iran and Syria as well as key ally Egypt on Thursday to adopt democracy, saying past US policies of supporting non-democratic Middle East leaders had failed.

But analysts said Bush mainly criticized US foes rather than the region's least democratic states.

In a front page editorial, Syria's daily *al-Thawra* newspaper accused Washington of trying to act as a regional guardian.

"The American Administration is practising the role of guardian over sovereign states.

Threatening to impose democracy by force kills democracy and assassinates freedom," it said.

"The people of the region are not in need of lessons in democracy and

Syrian-US ties are strained over accusations by Washington that Damascus is turning a blind eye to militants crossing its borders into Iraq to fight US troops. Bush has blamed "foreign terrorists" in part for a wave of violence in Iraq.

Syria, which said on Wednesday relations with Washington were the most negative in years, says it is working to secure the border, and called on the United States to do the same on the Iraqi side.

Syria also questioned how Washington can call for democracy in the Middle East while it is occupying an Arab state.

"Can there be a democratic revolution by occupying sovereign countries' land? Can it be by jets and

cannons and destructive weapons?" the paper said.

"This speech... is not in the interests of the United States of America at all, and it is not in the interest of the region."

Syria is also under heavy US pressure for its backing of Lebanese Hizbollah guerrillas and Palestinian groups opposed to Israel, which last month bombed what it said was a training camp for militants deep in Syria for the first time in 30 years.

The US House of Representatives also voted last month to impose diplomatic and economic sanctions on Syria until the White House says it no longer supports "terrorists".

If the Senate approves the measure as is expected, Bush could sign it into law.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi guard shuts the front gate to the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the southern city of Basra on 8 Nov, 2003. Foreign staff of the International Committee of the Red Cross will keep operating in southern Iraq despite the closure of its Baghdad and Basra offices, the head of the Basra delegation said on 9 Nov. —INTERNET

Nigerian Govt urged to ban importation of all print fabrics

LAGOS, 10 Nov— The Nigeria Textile Manufacturers Association (NTMA) on Saturday urged the federal government to ban importation of all print fabrics to save the nation's textile industry.

"Only full implementation of the ban on printed fabrics will save the textile industry from total collapse," said NTMA Vice-Chairman Saddiq Kasim.

He said that there was a need to establish a task force to supervise the ban and make it more effective. "The enforcement of the ban will boost local production, create employment opportunities and also encourage local cotton growers," he said.

Kasim told reporters that the massive smuggling and importation of textiles had led to the closure of more than 50 textile mills in the country since 1997.

"Textile industries that provided more than 137,000 jobs in 1997 now engage only about 57,000 workers and this is attributable to the increase in illegal importation of textiles," he said.

Kasim said that the textile industry still accounted for about 20 per cent of total employment in Nigeria, in spite of the activities of smugglers.

He said that the industry was unique in Nigeria as it used a high percentage of locally produced raw materials, unlike other sectors which depended mainly on imported raw materials.

MNA/Xinhua

Loud explosions echo across Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov— Iraqi guerillas fired at least one mortar which landed close to the US-led administration headquarters in Baghdad on Saturday night, but caused no casualties, Iraqi police said.

A US Army spokesman said he heard two explosions close together, while Reuters reporters heard one loud blast echo across the city in the third mortar attack on Baghdad this week. The spokesman said he had no further details.

The mortar round landed in the garden of a train station close to the sprawling US compound on the West Bank of the Tigris River. An Iraqi police officer at the scene said no one was hurt.

Guerillas fired at least three mortars or rockets at the US-led headquarters on Tuesday

Iraqi minister says Turkey wise not to send troops

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov— Iraq's interim foreign minister on Saturday hailed as "wise and rational" Turkey's decision not to send troops to bolster US-led forces in the country. Reversing an earlier decision, Turkey said on Friday it would not deploy troops to help the United States secure postwar Iraq after encountering strong opposition from the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council.

"I think the Iraqi people, all of them, would welcome Turkey's decision as wise and rational," Interim Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari told Reuters.

"It will help us develop bilateral relations in the future with Turkey, a very important neighbour, in areas such as trade, reconstruction and culture," he added.

US officials voiced regret at Turkey's change of heart, but said sending troops might not have furthered the aim of stability in Iraq given the degree of Iraqi opposition.

"There is recognition, I think, on all our parts — the United States' side, Turkish as well as the Iraqis — that maybe this deploy-

ment at this time would not add to that goal in the way that we had hoped it would," State Department Spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The decision was a victory for the Governing Council, which has set its face against troops from neighbouring countries, especially Turkey, a former imperial power in Ottoman times.

Turkey has tense relations with Iraq's Kurds. Ankara fears their demand for a federal state could spur pressure for self-rule among Turkey's own large Kurdish minority.

MNA/Reuters

ICRC to shut Iraq's Baghdad, Basra offices

GENEVA, 10 Nov— The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on Saturday it had decided to shut its offices in the Iraqi capital Baghdad and the southern city of Basra because of concerns over staff safety.

A car bombing at the Red Cross headquarters in Baghdad last month killed 12 people and shocked the foreign aid community, stirring doubt about whether US-led coalition forces can bring order to the country.

"We are temporarily closing our offices in Baghdad and Basra," Florian Westphal, spokesman of the Swiss-based group, said. "We are still discussing what to do with our foreign staff. The situation is extremely dangerous and volatile."

He declined to elaborate, saying: "We are trying to ensure we don't go public with too many details on this

because we feel it may be problematic for our people on the ground."

He was confirming a report by Zurich's *Tages-Anzeiger* newspaper, which quoted ICRC President Jakob Kellenberger as saying that the group had decided not to operate in Iraq under military protection. This, he said, could not be reconciled with its concept of independent humanitarian action. "But we will remain present in northern Iraq. Our future activity will focus on visiting prisoners, re-establishing family contacts and providing emergency aid in the areas of water and medicine," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Italian Red Cross staff staying in Iraq

ROME, 10 Nov— The Italian arm of the Red Cross said on Saturday that its 32-strong staff would remain in Iraq even as the international agency shut its offices in the war-torn country.

"The Italian Red Cross will stay in Iraq, but this is not contrary to the decision by the international committee, which has warned us to increase security measures," a spokesman said. The Italian branch said its 32 doctors and nurses who have been in Iraq since April would continue work at Medical City, a sprawling hospital in northern Baghdad, along with some 40 Iraqi staff.

MNA/Reuters

US Army 4th Infantry Division soldiers fire mortar just outside one of former Saddam Hussein's palaces strewn along the banks of the Tigris River in Tikrit, 193 km (120 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, 27 Oct, 2003. —INTERNET



For Iraq police, a bigger task but more risk

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov— In an empty office in a bombed-out station, the lieutenant colonel in the local police force was explaining the miseries his officers face. Two weeks ago, a car bomb blew up the station, killing at least 13 people. One police officer lost a leg and could lose the other; he does not know how he will pay for his care.

"We don't have weapons," said Muhammad Hashem Rahma, the lieutenant colonel at this station here in the Khudra neighbourhood in western Baghdad. "We don't have flak jackets. We don't have good cars. And we are face to face with death, because everybody thinks we are supporting the Americans." He said that he himself had received a death threat three days after the bombing.

Then a rocket-propelled grenade exploded 200 yards away and Colonel Rahma ran to investigate, ending the interview.

The police are the core of the American plan to restore civil society in Iraq, but they are staggering, and not only at this station

and the two others hit by devastating bombs on 27 Oct.

The Americans, who are promising to increase the number of officers, are leaning on the police and other Iraqi security forces to help them root out the guerrillas plaguing the 150,000 international troops in Iraq. But while the demands on the police have grown, their resources have not kept pace.

Accustomed to dealing with common criminals, the police now face terrorists who see them as easy targets. Officers have no bulletproof vests; their pay arrives late; and even though occupying authorities have raised their salaries, officers say they still cannot make ends meet. —Internet

Beijing's road traffic normal despite snow

BEIJING, 10 Nov— Beijing's road traffic has been normal despite the first snowfall this winter that hit the Chinese capital between 6 pm Thursday and early Friday morning, local communication sources said Friday. There was no increase in the number of road accidents or traffic jams in urban areas Thursday and Friday morning. According to the Beijing meteorological station, the snowfall registered 23.2 millimetres in the city proper.

The lowest temperature recorded between Thursday and Friday morning was two degrees below zero. The highest daytime temperature for Friday is forecast to be six degrees Celsius. The city has set up an emergency snow plan to deal with possible traffic jams because of heavy snow. As the snow intensified late Thursday, more than 2,300 patrolling traffic police and an additional 197 patrol vehicles were dispatched to various parts of Beijing to deal with possible traffic jams and accidents. —MNA/Xinhua

US devising new system for checking visitors

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov— Facing criticism for the restrictions imposed on entry of foreigners into the country in the aftermath of the September 11 terror attacks, the US is now formulating a new system of checking entry of visitors hoping to strike the right balance between "openness and security", Secretary of State Colin Powell said here.

Powell said the US realized the "difficulty" presented by the implementation of the National Security Entry/Exit Registration System (NSEERS) by the Department of Homeland Security last year.

"We understand the difficulty that it has presented to people wanting to visit, wanting to come to this country," Powell said, adding "but we are not standing still".

"We understand that it is still imperfect, and we are working on a better long-term solution, which we call US-VISIT. We want to ensure that all visitors, of all faiths and backgrounds, are received here with dignity and with humanity," he said Wednesday night.

Powell took the opportunity to the reach out to the

Muslim world. "Our relations with the Muslim world are enriched when we can host Muslim visitors, attract Muslim students, and welcome Muslim businessmen."

"However, in the post-9/11 world, as you all know, we had to ensure that, as we honour our commitment to openness and diversity, we had to do it in a way that was consistent with our needs for security. That is not easy. It is always a difficult balance," Powell said.

Powell said, "young people are the bridge to a better future, a future we all dream about, a future in which Muslims and Christians, Jews and Hindus, Buddhists and people of all faiths work together."

MNA/PTI

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US voices regret about no Turkish troops for Iraq

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov— US officials voiced regret on Friday that Turkey will not send troops to Iraq but said a deployment might simply have sown discord among Iraqis fiercely opposed to having Turkish soldiers on their soil.

"Obviously, we would have preferred if this (had) all worked out very nicely to everybody's satisfaction but let's remember that the goal is stability in Iraq," State Department Spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters.

"There is recognition, I think, on all our parts — the United States' side, Turkish as well as the Iraqis — that maybe this deployment at this time would not add to that goal in the way that we had hoped it would," he added.

Reversing an earlier decision, Turkey it would not deploy troops to help the United States secure post-war Iraq after encountering strong opposition from the

US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council.

"If this was going to cause more divisions and difficulty inside Iraq, then maybe it's better not to do it," said a senior State Department official who asked not to be named. "If it was going to create friction with the Iraqis, it wasn't a good thing to do."

The decision represents something of a victory for the Iraqi Governing Council, which was handpicked by the United States but made no secret of its reluctance to see troops from Turkey, which ruled Iraq for nearly four centuries.

It also eases pressure on Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's govern-

ment, which went against public opinion to allow the deployment under pressure from Washington and Ankara's powerful military establishment.

In a sign of the sensitivity of the issue, US Vice-President Dick Cheney spoke to Erdogan on Friday morning and Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed the matter with Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul on Thursday.

The State Department said Powell had stressed Washington's gratitude to Ankara for its offer to send troops, who might have eased the pressure on US forces fighting persistent guerilla resistance in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



A US military vehicle burns following an explosion in Fallujah, Iraq in this image from television on 8 November, 2003. Guerrillas killed two US paratroopers and wounded another when a homemade bomb exploded beside their vehicle in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, the military said. —INTERNET

Canada seeks to block reimport of cheap "AIDS" drugs

OTTAWA, 10 Nov— Canada unveiled legislation on Thursday that would enable expensive AIDS drugs to be sold at low cost in Africa and Asia, and promised the pills would be marked to try to prevent illicit shipments back to Canada.

With the legislation, Canada becomes the first country to take concrete measures to implement a World Trade Organization agreement to provide cheap drugs to poor countries to treat AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other epidemics.

"This is a compassionate and effective Canadian response to a global challenge," Health Minister Anne McLellan told a news conference after the bill was introduced in Parliament.

Generic drug firms would be allowed to reach contracts with poor countries to supply the drugs, though the brand-name patent holders would have 30 days to decide whether they want to fill the contracts themselves, on the same terms.

One worry of the brand-name companies — GlaxoSmithKline, for instance, which holds the patent for the anti-AIDS drug AZT — is that the cut-price drugs

could find their way on to a black market and back into North America.

But Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew said the government would take steps to prevent that before allowing the plan to go ahead.

"We will assure that there is no diversion or reimporting of these drugs back into Canada," he said.

Dr Robert Peterson, a senior official within the government's health department, said each pill would have some sort of marking identifying where it was destined.

"We will be able to track (it) back to the contract," he told Reuters. Action could then be taken, seeking an end to the black marketeering and, if necessary, even cutting off the supply of the drug to a country.

If the generic companies end up supplying the drugs, they would pay the patent holder a 2-per-cent royalty. Their licences would be valid for two years. —MNA/Reuters



Actors Hugh Grant, left, and Sandra Bullock hold the Stanley Kubrick Britannia Award for Excellence in Film, which was awarded to Grant, at the 12th Annual BAFTA/LA Britannia Awards in Los Angeles, on Saturday, 8 November, 2003. — INTERNET

Myanmar engineers who bring honour to the country-3

Maung Phyu (Energy)

I wrote the article "Myanmar engineers who bring honour to the country-2" in the dailies in October 2002. The article was written in honour of the engineers of the Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation who won ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Award presented by the Federation of ASEAN Engineering Organization.

Now again, I write an article in honour of the engineers of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

At the ninth ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said: **We in Myanmar believe that there can be no economic progress without adequate infrastructure development. Before the advent of our government, transportation networks did not develop as much as they should have for various reasons. Consequently, during our time, we have devoted attention to achieve rapid and extensive progress in the transportation sector. We have built roads, rails, bridges, airports and seaports with our own resources.**

In the transport sector, a total of 163 bridges of 180-foot long and above have been constructed after 1988. The bridges, designed and supervised by Myanmar Engineers, were built with the resources and technology of our own.

Delegates of Myanmar Engineering Society were able to submit the endeavours of Myanmar engineers to the 21st Conference of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (CAFEO-21) held in Indonesia on 22 and 23 October 2003. Although only the seven-member delegation of Myanmar Engineering Society attended the CAFEO-20 held in Cambodia last year, the 17-member delegation led by President of Myanmar Engineering Society Prof Dr Sein Myint attended the CAFEO-21 this time, together with a total of about 350 delegates including those from the engineering organizations of 10 ASEAN member countries, families and those from Japan and Canada. Motto of the conference this year was "ASEAN Engineering Network for Enhancing ASEAN Self Supporting Technology and Industry".

Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad himself attended the conference. The Federation of ASEAN Engineering Organization presented the "AFEO Distinguished Fellow" honorary award to the Malaysian

Prime Minister who relentlessly endeavoured for the economic development of Malaysia. The Malaysian Prime Minister urged the conference to make efforts to further strengthen the unity of the ASEAN region, to enhance the competence of engineers and engineering technologies in the region, and to open a new chapter of engineers in the ASEAN region with the engineering technologies of their own.

Similarly, the honorary award was presented to Cambodia Prime Minister Hun Sen last year. Over 50 papers on engineering technologies were submitted to the conference by the delegates including those of Myanmar. Chief Engineer (Bridge) U Han Zaw of Public Works submitted the paper on "Decade of Sustained Construction of Bridges in Myanmar" to the conference.

As has already been mentioned, Myanmar delegation was able to submit the endeavours of engineers of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction of Myanmar that enabled them to construct a total of 163 bridges after 1988, and the Federation of ASEAN Engineering Organization presented the ASEAN Engineering Award to Public Works of the Union of Myanmar. Chief Engineer (Bridge) U Han Zaw of Public Works accepted the award.

The federation presented another ASEAN Engineering Award to Myanmar women engineers, who constructed Yenwe creek bridge. Construction of a bridge by women engineers themselves is a rare activity in Asia. Daw Si Than (Senior Engineer) accepted the award at the conference.

Out of the five engineering awards, Brunei won one, Singapore one, Indonesia one and Myanmar two. Myanmar can take pride in winning two awards out of five. Moreover, in its three-year period of establishing, Myanmar Engineering Society has won awards for two consecutive years.

The annual conference of the federation is yearly held on a grand scale in ASEAN countries alternatively. Myanmar will host the 22nd Annual Conference of the federation in 2004. I would like to urge Myanmar Engineering Society to further enhance the dignity of the nation by contributing towards the successful holding of the conference.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

Economists see China's economy to maintain high growth

SUZHOU, 10 Nov— China will maintain a high economic growth rate over the next 15 to 20 years, according to economists attending the 2003 China Economic Growth Forum in Suzhou in east China's Jiangsu Province, which opened here on Sunday.

Nobel laureate Lawrence Klein said China had recorded rapid growth over the past two decades, and its economy would continue to grow strongly in the next 20 years though there might be some slowing down. The economy might grow at six to seven per cent instead of eight or nine per cent some years, Klein noted.

Goldman Sachs (Asia) managing director Fred Hu also expressed optimism about the long-term prospects as the country had some positive fundamentals for long-term rapid growth. China had great catch-up potential as the per-capita gross domestic product was still low compared with developing nations.

He said the Chinese economy was backed up by the high proportion of saving deposits and mainly driven by long-term investment, such as infrastructure, the equipment retooling and innovation and housing consumption.

Hu also said the human resources in China were immense and cheap. The government had accumulated rich experience in economic management and adopted a sound policy environment for economic growth, he noted. Entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO) and opening up would help the

country optimize distribution of resources and further improve productivity. He predicted the improvement of productivity would replace capital accumulation as the major driving force of China's growth in the next 20 years.

Li Deshui, director of China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), noted that China would be able to maintain a growth rate of seven to 8 per cent for an unprecedented period of more than 40 years.

China had developed a relatively strong base of materials, enjoyed a great potential for growth and followed a practical strategy of development, he said. The government had accumulated plentiful experience in macro-economic control and explored a unique route of development with Chinese characteristics.

Acknowledging that China was accelerating the pace of opening itself to the outside world and implementing the strategy of developing education and science, Li said the country has a sound development environment as it adopted a new ideology on social and economic development.

Klein said China had already realized the importance of coordinating and balancing quality and quantity of economic growth. This would have great impact on the economic growth, he added.

The two-day forum was sponsored by the NBS and attended by more than 300 officials, academics and business people from both China and abroad.

MNA/Xinhua

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

China's steel, auto giant signs deal on cooperation

SHANGHAI, 10 Nov— China's steel giant Shanghai Baosteel Group Company said it has signed a deal on strategic cooperation with Dongfeng Motor Corp., one of the country's three biggest automakers, over the weekend.

The move came after Baosteel signed similar deals with the First Automobile Works Group (FAW) and Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp, the other two auto giants in China.

Under the latest deal, Baosteel and Dongfeng will cooperate on steel supply, technological development, steel and auto parts processing, logistics management, enterprise administration, and auto sales.

Baosteel will set up a sales and service centre in Wuhan, capital of Hubei Province, where the headquarters of Dongfeng is located, according to the deal.

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General Khin Nyunt hosts working ...

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occasion together with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar ambassadors to Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Thailand and heads of department.

Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Hor Namhong, ministers, deputy ministers, Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hul Phany; Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Boungnang Vorachith, Deputy Prime

Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavat and ministers, deputy ministers, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Phothisane; and Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Deputy Prime Minister Mr Somkid Jatusritipak and ministers, deputy ministers, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Oum Maolanon were also present on the occasion.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects...

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summer paddy and other beans and pulses, making efforts for reaching 1.6 million acres of summer paddy and speedy cultivation of beans and pulses and summer paddy.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party observed harvesting of paddy at the model plots and threshing of paddy. At the mandat, Chairman of Kangyidaunk Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw reported on cultivation of

monsoon paddy and harvesting of paddy. The Manager of District Myanmar Agriculture Service and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing gave supplementary reports.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said Ayeyawady Division is the top one in cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy—over 3.4 million acres of monsoon paddy, 1.6 million acres of summer paddy and 1.3 million acres of beans and pulses. Therefore Ayeyawady Division is the

one on which the State relies. He spoke of the need to make efforts for increasing sown acreage and boosting per acre yield.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party visited Apinhnase poultry farm of the South-West command where the commander and officials reported on raising of local fowls. The farm produces 2,600 to 2,700 chickens every sixth day. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived in Patheingyi in the evening.—MNA

Lashio holds Communal Kathina

YANGON, 10 Nov — Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, together with Brig-Gen Hla Myint and departmental officials, on 7 November arrived at MyoU Sasana Aye Monastery in Lashio and inspected the site chosen to build 108-foot-high Yantaingaug Pagoda.

Afterwards, the commander attended the 43rd Communal Kathina robes

offering ceremony held at Sasana Beikman in Lashio.

At the ceremony, the commander and wellwishers presented robes and offertories to the members of the Sangha. Next, a Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing proceeded to Myole Monastery and inspected the two-storey building and the two-storey Sima which is under construction.

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Tatmadaw (Air) extempore talks

YANGON, 10 Nov — The Tatmadaw (Air) held soldiers' code of conduct and extempore talks contest hailing the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day in Mingaladon this morning.

Officers, rankers and privates totalling 200 from the air based headquarters, squadrons and other units of the Tatmadaw (Air) are taking part in the contests.

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Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt makes a speech at the opening ceremony of the courses of the ministry. — MNA

Minister attends opening of courses of Ministry of PBANRDA

YANGON, 10 Nov — Advanced management course No 9, clerical training courses No 29 and 30, basic engineering course No 5 and advance tailoring course No 5 were opened at the central training school of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Dagon Myothit (North) this morning, with an address by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Progress of Bor-

der Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, the directors-general and officials.

Altogether 150 trainees are

taking the courses. The minister and guests then inspected nurseries, landscaping and lawns and gave instructions.—MNA

Anti-AIDS Exhibition continues

YANGON, 10 Nov — The First Anti-AIDS Exhibition continued today as the eighth day at Tatmadaw Convention Centre here attracting staff, students, and people.

Officials of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association visited the exhibition.

Booths of the Ministry of Health and other ministries,

UN Agencies, International social organizations, social organization in Myanmar and pharmaceutical companies are on display.

Educative pamphlets and books were distributed to the visitors. There is a computer quiz on HIV/AIDS at the exhibition which will remain open till 12 November.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Thai PM Dr Thaksin Shinawatra at the working dinner hosted at Sedona Hotel. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Laotian PM Mr Boungnang Vorachith at the working dinner hosted at Sedona Hotel. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Cambodian PM Mr Samdech Hun Sen at the working dinner hosted at Sedona Hotel. — MNA

Cash and kind donated to doyen literati

YANGON, 10 Nov — The ceremony to donate cash and kind to doyen literati was held at the Sarpay Beikman Building at the corner of Merchant and 37th streets here at 11 am today, attended by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing-directors of the ministry, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and members and wellwishers.

MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Than Maung (Than Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung) accepted the donations: K 250,000 presented by the

Ministry of Information, K 300,000 by U Mya Thien (Moe Htet Myint-Myitwakyun-paw), K 100,000 by Adviser to Information Sub-committee U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) on behalf of Myanmar National Women Affairs Work Committee, K 100,000 by Sayagyi Shwebo San Tin Aung, K 100,000 by U Kyaw Nyunt (Kyaw Nyunt Yee) family, K 100,000 plus traditional medicine worth about K 25,000 by U Kyaw Sein (Mogok) (Phyusin Mitta medical house), K 100,000 by U San Oo (Seikku Cho Cho Publishing House), 50,000 by U Nyunt Wai (Pyone Pann Tayar Publishing House), K 50,000 by Myanmar Motion Picture En-

terprise, K 50,000 by Social Welfare Department, 130 calendars for 2004 worth K45,000 by Wayda Calendar Group, K 15,000 by Yuwadi Theingi Myint in dedication to Sayamagyi Dagon Daw Khin Khin Lay, K 10,000 by Chairman Daw Cho Cho Than of Ahlon Township WJA and K 5,000 by U Myint Soe (Soe Myint Soe- Pann Chit Thu).

Afterwards, the MWJA chairman spoke words of thanks.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to doyen literati may contact the MWJA Office at Sarpay Beikman Building, No 529 (2nd Fl), corner of Merchant street and 37th street (Ph- 254173, 252417).

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Second Ministerial meeting...

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Mr Siasavat Saven Gsuka, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Phothisane and senior officials, Thai Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Surakiart Sathirathai, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Sorajak Kasemsuvan, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Oum Maolanon and senior officials.

Minister U Win Aung presided over the meeting. After the meeting, the ministers from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand posed for documentary photos.

In the morning, the Second Senior Officials' Meeting on the Economic Cooperation Strategy between Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand was held at Mindon Room of Sedona Hotel.

Present were senior officials of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand.

Director-General of Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Thauang Tun presided over the meeting. Delegates discussed drafts of Bagan Declaration and Economic Cooperation Strategy Plan of Action. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at working dinner together with officials at Sedona Hotel. (News on page 1)— MNA

Ministerial meeting on economic cooperation strategy among Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand in progress.

—MNA



Taunggyi holds hot-air balloon festival

YANGON, 10 Nov — Shan State Peace and Development Council organized the Maha Kathina Festival and the Tazundaing Hot-air Balloon Festival at the foot of Sulamuni Lawka Chantha pagoda in Taunggyi from 2 to 8 November.

Local people as well as those from far and near visited the Hot-air Balloon Festival during which alto-

gether 67 balloons were released at night and 284 ones in daytime.

On 7 November night, Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and members, state/district level officials and tourists viewed the contest from the precinct of the pagoda.

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SOM on economic cooperation strategy among Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand in progress. —MNA

Communication courses opened

YANGON, 10 Nov — Myanma Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs opened E-mail Operating Course, U/G Cable Construction and Maintenance Course, Digital Microwave Communication Course and

Introduction to Data Communication Course this morning at the training school of the ministry.

CPT Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw made an address at the opening ceremony. A total of 45 trainees are attending the course.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw makes an address at the opening ceremony of communications courses. —(COMMUNICATIONS)

Shooting team demonstrates skill

YANGON, 10 Nov — Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman South-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing, accompanied by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and officials, attended the skills demon-

stration of the shooting team held at the shooting range of the local battalion in Shwemyintin Village, Patheingyi Township on 7 November morning. The team representing the command will enter the 43rd Commander-in-Chief's Cup De-

fence Services (Army, Navy, Air) Shooting Contest.

The commander viewed the skills demonstration and presented cash assistance to officials. Then he discussed matters relating to ensuring success in the contest.

In the afternoon, the commander attended the prize-

presenting ceremony of the Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman's Cup Five District Chinlon Contest held at Koethein Sports Grounds in Patheingyi. The commander and his wife presented the prizes to winners and winning teams. — MNA

Information and Exhibition Subcommittee hold coord meeting

YANGON, 10 Nov — The Information Subcommittee for Observance of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day and Exhibition Subcommittee held coordination meeting at Information and Public Relations Department this afternoon. Present were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, the director-general, managing direc-

tors, delegates and social organizations and guests. Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein spoke on the occasion. Those present reported on measures to be undertaken by various ministries. The deputy minister gave instructions. The meeting came to a close with the concluding remarks by the deputy minister. —MNA

Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun), assembling road rollers

The No 2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun) of Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2 is situated on the

ship, Thayet District, Magway Division.

Originally, the factory produced various kinds of agricultural machinery. However, with a

road rollers after laying down plans. Now, the factory has launched assembling of 10-ton road rollers. In October 2003, it produced five road rollers.

month during the period from November 2003 until March 2004.

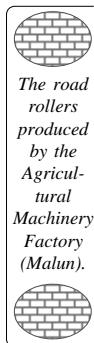
It means the factory will have to manufacture 55 road rollers in 2003-2004 fiscal year.

The model of road rollers assembled at the factory is named MM-2 F8. The engine models assembled to the road roller in Myanmar are locally made engine, Zwe tractor engine and 50 hp clutch housing. Furthermore, gear box, body, wheel and frame can be now successfully produced in the nation.

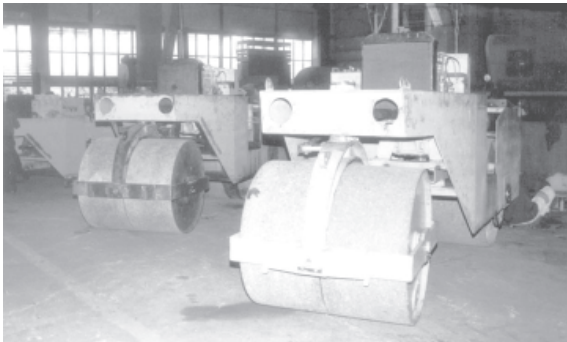
Arrangements have been made to assemble 80 hp road rollers and production has been launched. In a bid to translate the guidance of Head of State Sen-

Article by Swe Thant Ko &

Photos by Htwe Kyi



The road rollers produced by the Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun).



west bank of the River Ayeyawady near Malun Village in Minhla Town-

view to fulfilling the requirement of the State, the factory is also assembling

And arrangements have been made to be able to produce ten road rollers per

ior General Than Shwe on manufacturing import-substitute items into reality, the Ministry of Industry-2 is making strenuous efforts to serve the purpose.

With the aim of making significant contribution towards road construction projects for development of border areas, plans are well under way to produce locally-made road rollers cheaper than imported ones. So it will save foreign exchange.

The No 2 Agricultural Machine Factory (Malun) produces all parts of road roller except

the front wheel, rear wheel and the fork.

The roads, one of the infrastructures needed for development of the country, are being extended and built by the Government. So, the road rollers, which play a key role in constructing roads, are being assembled in the country.

Therefore, the road rollers will contribute much towards ensuring smooth and secure transport in the country.

(Translation: SH)

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Commander offers Kahtina robes

YANGON, 10 Nov — The 13th communal Kahtina ceremony of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council was held at Buddha Sasana Beikman of Laykyun Hsimee Pagoda in Myeik at 9 am on 6 November.

The ceremony was attended by Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Coastal Region Command Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and wife, senior military officers from the command, division/district/ township PDC members, departmental heads, townselders and wellwishers.

Township Sangha

Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddnata Panna Wumsa administered the Eight Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta. The commander offered Kya robes to the Buddha image there. Afterwards, the commander and officials presented Kahtina robes to Sayadaws. Wellwishers also presented offertories to the monasteries.

The Bohtaung monastery Presiding Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits. The commander and wellwishers offered *soon* to the members of the Sangha. —MNA

MMU, MAEU to announce lists of students on 15 Nov

YANGON, 10 Nov — The Myanmar Maritime University under the Ministry of Transport and the Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University under the Ministry of Science and Technology will open on 1 December 2003. The lists of the students who gained admission to the two universities will be announced at the Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) on Thaton Street, Kamayut Township, the

Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) in Mandalay, the MMU, Hsinmalaik, Kamayut Township in Yangon, the Yangon Technological University, Gygone, Insein Township in Yangon and the MAEU in Meiktila on 15 November 2003 (Saturday).

Those who are allowed to join the two universities are to register at the respective university from 24 to 28 November. —MNA

Holding of 9th Convocation of the State Pariyatti Sasana Universities coordinated

YANGON, 10 Nov — Work coordination meeting on holding of the ninth convocation of the State Pariyatti Sasana Universities was held this afternoon at the office of the minister for Religious Affairs on KabaAye Pagoda Road here.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung made an address at the meeting. It was attended by Chairman of the convocation holding committee Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and leading committee members, Director-General of the Department for Promotion and

Propagation of Sasana U Sann Lwin and officials. Officials concerned reported on matters on holding of the convocation, progress of work and needs for the convocation. After hearing reports, the minister attended to the needs. Next, the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister. The convocation will be held on 8 December. Those wishing to offer *soon* to members of the Sangha who will attend the convocation may contact Director U Khaing Aung of the DPPS and Ph-661275, 662148.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen. — MNA

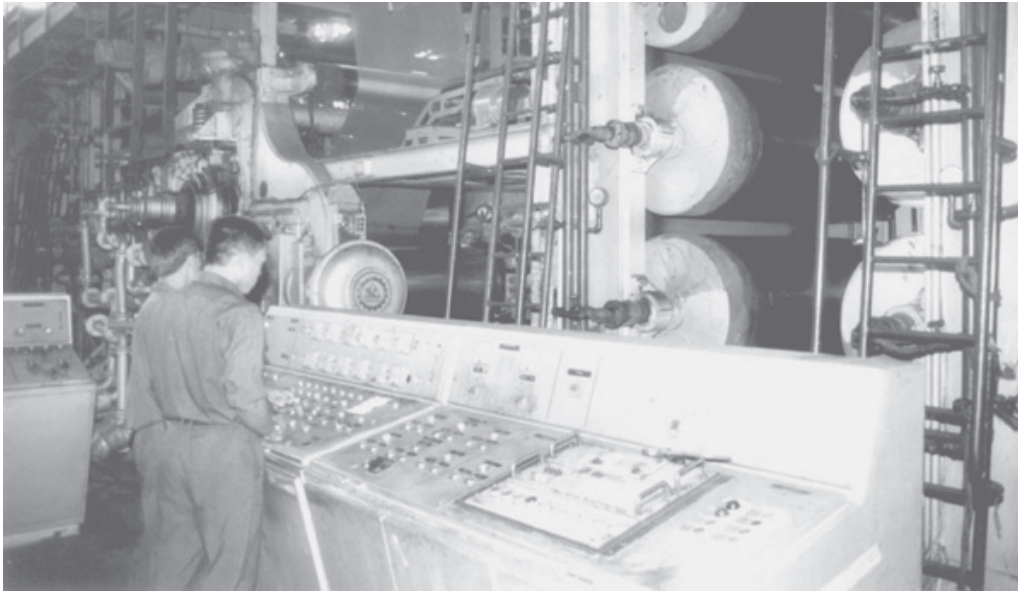


MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe unveils the signboard of the Youth Centre in Kyauktan Township. — MNA



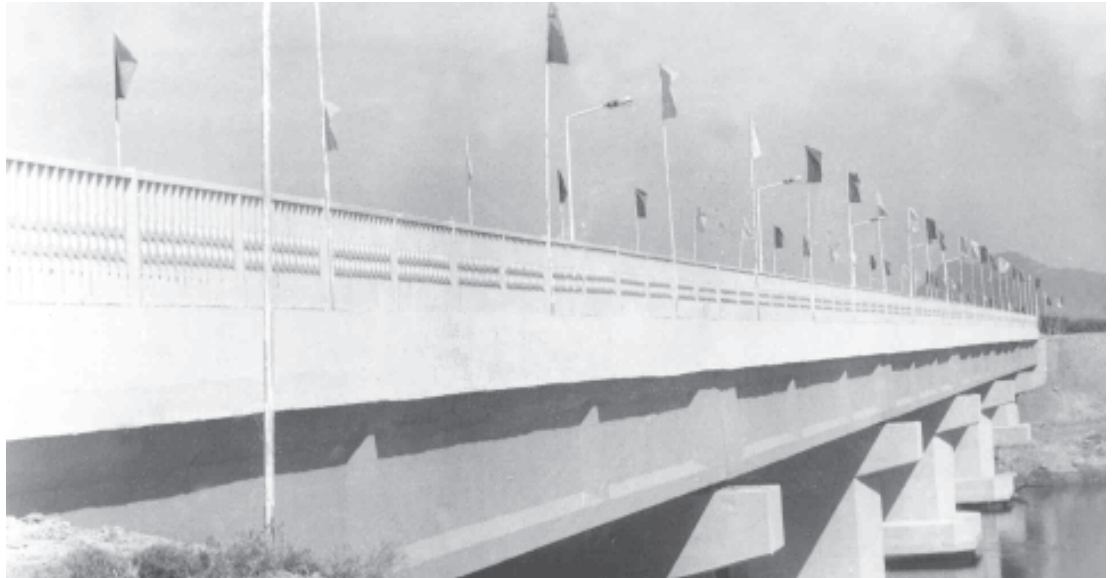
Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung delivers an address at the work coordination meeting on holding of the ninth convocation of the State Pariyatti Sasana universities. — MNA

Implementation of projects for socio-economic development of all regions in the country

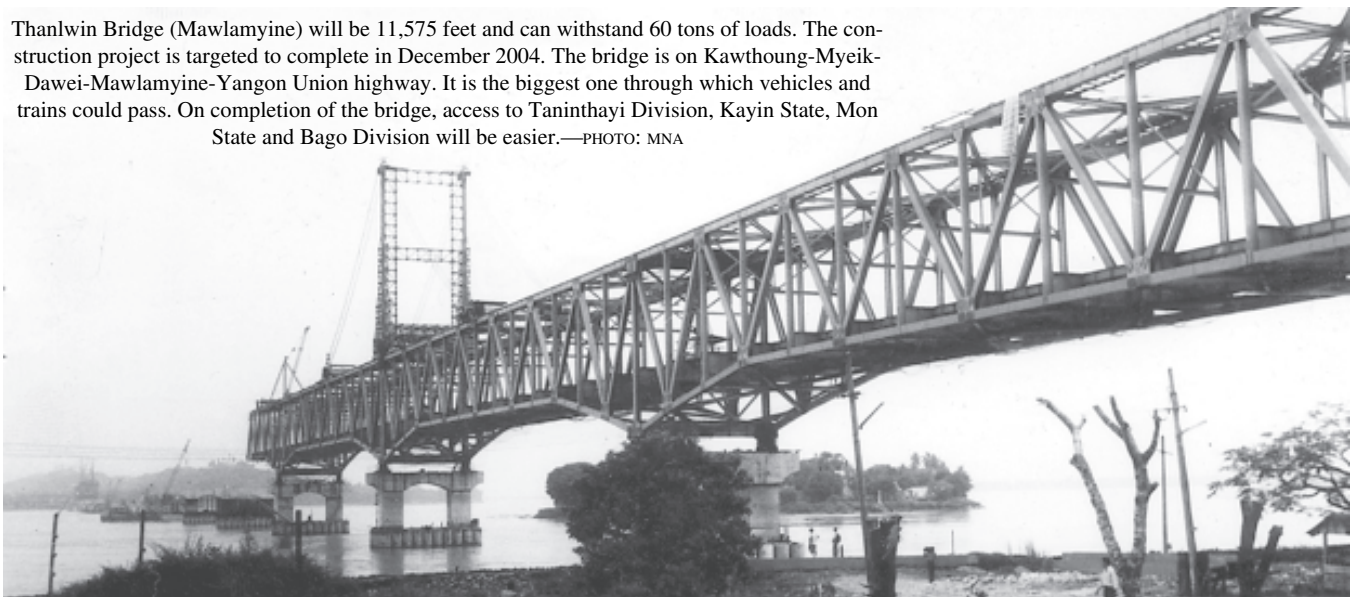


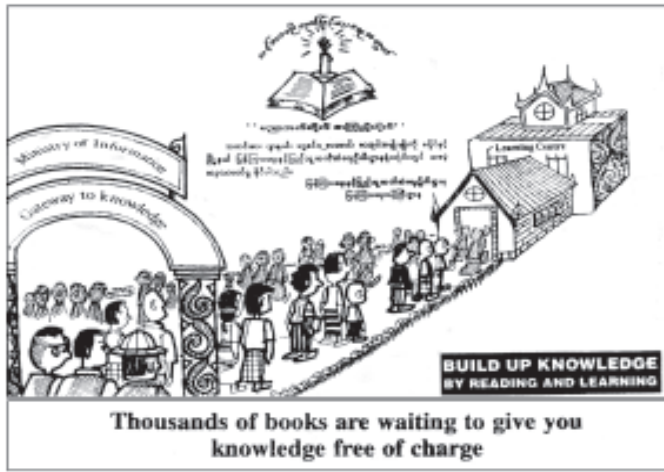
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A network of motor roads and rail roads were built throughout the country. The 600-foot long rail-cum-road Donthami Bridge linking Kayin and Mon States was opened on 19 January 2002 near Duyeiseik village in Thaton Township, Mon State. Located on Yangon-Hpa-an Road, it has a 13-foot wide motor way flanked by 4-foot pedestrian lanes on both sides. Construction of the bridge started on 1 April 2000 and completed on 20 December 2001. — MNA



Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) will be 11,575 feet and can withstand 60 tons of loads. The construction project is targeted to complete in December 2004. The bridge is on Kawthoung-Myeik-Dawei-Mawlamyine-Yangon Union highway. It is the biggest one through which vehicles and trains could pass. On completion of the bridge, access to Taninthayi Division, Kayin State, Mon State and Bago Division will be easier.—PHOTO: MNA





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Baltic ministers call on EC to fund for "Rail Baltica"

RIGA, 10 Nov — Three Baltic states transport ministers in Lithuania's Druskininkai on Friday signed a joint letter to the European Commission (EC), proposing that feasibility study for the "Rail Baltica" railroad project be fully funded by the EC, local media reported.

Ministers of Transport from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia in their letter said the feasibility study should be launched as soon as possible. The project involves not only Baltic nations but also other countries, they emphasize in the letter.

During the annual meeting the ministers repeatedly expressed support for proclaiming the Baltic Sea a sensitive zone. — MNA/Xinhua

Over 13% of Mozambican adults infected with HIV

MAPUTO, 10 Nov — At least 13.6 per cent of adults aged between 15 and 49 in Mozambique are infected with HIV, local media reported on Friday.

According to the Mozambican Ministry of Health, the new figure results from the analysis of blood taken from 10,788 pregnant women in 36 sentinel sites throughout the country in 2002.

The statistics show a sharp difference between Mozambique's provinces and regions.

The southern region now leads the epidemic with a 17 per cent HIV prevalence rate against 13.2 per cent in 2000. The central region has an infection rate of 16.7 per cent, which is exactly the same as in 2000.

The northern region is the area least affected by the epidemic, but even here the rate

of infection rose from 5.7 per cent in 2000 to 8.4 per cent in 2002. The epidemic seems to be worse in urban than in rural areas. The HIV prevalence in Maputo, capital of Mozambique, is estimated at 17.3 per cent. Beira, the second largest city in the country, gave an HIV prevalence of 35.7 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua

Death in childbirth remains high in Latin America

SANTIAGO (Chile), 10 Nov — At least two Latin American women died every hour last year from complications during childbirth caused by poverty and a lack of access to proper health care, said a report released on Friday.

In the region, there were 190 deaths for every 100,000 births last year—for a total of 22,000 deaths—compared to an average 12 deaths per 100,000 births in developed countries, said a report by the Latin American Centre for Perinatology and Human Development, which belongs to the World Health Organization.

The report, which was released during an international gynecology and ob-

stetrics congress in Santiago, said there had been no significant decrease in the maternal mortality rate in Latin America and the Caribbean over the past four years.

"This is a social injustice that women within the same country or region, because they live in poverty that marginalizes them from medical care ... are more likely to have complications and die," said Jose Belizan, director of the centre.

Women in Latin America and the Caribbean are more likely to die from blood loss, infections and miscarriages that would normally be considered survivable if they had been given proper hospital treatment.

More than two out of every five people in the region live in poverty, a percentage that is unchanged since 1977, according to UN figures.

Haiti and Bolivia had the highest maternal mortality rate in the region while Costa Rica and Trinidad and Tobago registered a rate closer to that of rich nations.

The United Nations has set a goal of cutting the Latin American maternal mortality rate in half by 2010 but Belizan said that was impossible. "We're not going to achieve that," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Brazilian lawmaker convicted of keeping slaves

BRASILIA (Brazil), 10 Nov — One of Brazil's most powerful lawmakers has been convicted of keeping slaves on his farm in the poor northeastern state of Maranhao, a labour court said on Friday.

Lawmaker Inocencio Oliveira of the opposition rightist Liberal Front Party said in a statement that the decision was "pure political persecution" and vowed to appeal the decision made by a state court.

Oliveira also holds the position of Deputy President of Brazil's Lower House of Congress, making him one of the country's most prominent opposition politicians.

The Superior Labour Tribunal, Brazil's highest court

for labour issues, said in a statement a Maranhao court had sentenced Oliveira to pay 530,000 reais (185,000 US dollars) in fines for the 53 workers found in slave-like conditions during a raid on his farm last year.

Modern-day slavery still exists in pockets of Brazil's dirt poor interior, where land owners lure workers to isolated farms which they cannot leave because they are unable to pay off debts amassed for tools, clothing

and sundries. The centre-left government of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has pledged to end the practice. It estimates there are some 25,000 indentured servants in this country that imported more African slaves than any other before ending the

practice in 1888.

Maranhao is one of the states where the practice is still found.

The court statement said the workers on Oliveira's farm were found in "subhuman conditions...without the right to come and go at will." — MNA/Reuters

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German Upper House votes to block reforms

BERLIN, 10 Nov—Germany's Upper House of Parliament voted on Friday to temporarily block labour market reforms amid expectations it would also hold up tax cuts to force changes that could embarrass the government.

The Bundesrat Upper House voted to convoke a parliamentary mediation committee on the plans to cut benefits for the long-term unemployed and create a network of job centres.

The legislation lies at the heart of labour market reforms proposed by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder in his "Agenda 2010" package of measures to lift Europe's largest economy out of three years of stagnation.

The centre-left government has proposed flanking the reforms, which will suck

money out of the economy, by bringing forward 15.6 billion euros of tax cuts to 2004.

Economy Minister Wolfgang Clement told the Bundesrat he hoped both sides could reach a compromise on all aspects of Agenda 2010, including the tax cuts, as quickly as possible, saying this was needed to support signs of recovery.

"We are interested in a solution to all the problems linked to Agenda 2010. It's important that this happens...so that we can overcome the uncertainty in Ger-

many about what will come into law and when as quickly as possible," Clement said.

The opposition conservatives object to proposals to pay for the tax cuts by raising borrowing five billion euros and by reducing tax breaks for homeowners and commuters. They aim to use their majority in the Bundesrat to force changes.

The conservatives, internally divided over the tax cut and facing mounting pressure from business leaders not to wreck the nascent

recovery, are widely expected to agree a compromise deal in a parliamentary mediation committee by mid-December.

"We are not blocking these tax cuts out of party political or tactical grounds," said Edmund Stoiber, Bavaria's premier and leader of the conservative Christian Social Union (CSU).

"We want these tax cuts...We want to make them possible, but with different financing. Not financing on credit," Stoiber said.

MNA/Reuters

Cuba makes businesses with foreign firms

HAVANA, 10 Nov—Cuba has signed contracts for over 150 million US dollars with companies from different countries, including the United States and China, during the 21st International Fair of Havana which will be concluded on Sunday.

Cuba's Vice-Minister for Foreign Trade, Pedro Luis Padron, told reporters that his government also signed several letters of intention for businesses amounting to 17 million dollars.

Throughout the expo which began on Monday,

Cuba has made businesses with companies from the United States, China, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Panama and Mexico, the Vice-Minister added.

During the awarding ceremony at the fair on Friday night, Cuban President Fidel Castro said that the high

number of participating companies shows the sincerity of the island to do business.

Castro pointed out that the contracts signed by Cuba with the foreign companies made it clear that it is not impossible to do businesses with the Caribbean country.

MNA/Xinhua

Cuba to purchase 50,000 tons of grain from China

HAVANA, 10 Nov—Cuba and China signed an agreement on Saturday under which the island will purchase 50,000 tons of grain from China for 16.2 million US dollars. The contract was inked by Pedro Alvarez, president of Cuban state-owned company for food products Alimport, and Zhen Tianbing, general director of the Chinese company CEM International Trading Corporation.

Both sides reached the agreement during the 21st International Fair of Havana which started on November 3 and will conclude on Sunday. The fair has attracted the participation of 3,293 firms from 49 nations. Alvarez said the agreement marks a new step in the strengthening of relations with China. He commended the professionalism of his Chinese partners and the quality of Chinese products. Chinese Ambassador to Havana, Wang Zhiqian, witnessed the signing of the contract.—MNA/Xinhua



Actress Jenna Elfman, one of the cast members of the new comedy film 'Looney Tunes Back in Action,' poses with Bugs Bunny at the film's premiere in Hollywood on 9 Nov, 2003. The film features all the Warner Brothers Looney Tunes cartoon characters in an animated and live action feature film which opens on 14 Nov, in the United States.—INTERNET

Brazil's President ends Africa tour with unity pledge

PRETORIA, 10 Nov—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva wrapped up an African tour on Saturday pledging to bolster the unity of developing countries as they fight for leverage in the global trade system.

The Brazilian leader spent a final day in talks with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, the continent's economic and diplomatic powerhouse, and both men emerged promising to strengthen their growing diplomatic partnership.

"South Africa and Brazil are following the right track in a globalized world where the developed countries already have the way to play the game," Lula told a news conference.

Lula arrived in South Africa late on Friday on the final leg of a tour that included visits to Portuguese-speaking

Sao Tome and Principe, Angola and Mozambique as well as Namibia.

South Africa and Brazil, along with India, formed the core of the so-called Group of 20-Plus countries which torpedoed trade talks in Cancun, Mexico, arguing they were not advancing the Development Agenda agreed at the WTO meeting in Doha, Qatar.

In a statement issued after the meeting, Mbeki and Lula agreed on "the unacceptability of developing countries being subjected to protectionist policies by developed countries".

Mbeki said Lula's visit would broaden the scope of cooperation between the two countries — which on Saturday signed new agreements on scientific and technical cooperation and double taxation.

"We count Brazil as an important partner in the process of the renewal of the African continent," Mbeki said.

South African officials said Brazil and South Africa agreed that the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization all required restructuring to give the developing world a greater voice.

MNA/Reuters

Saudi Arabia donates relief food, medicines to Zambia

LUSAKA, 10 Nov—Saudi Arabia has donated tons of assorted relief food and medicines to Zambia especially for its Southern Province which had poor rainfall, local newspaper *Daily Mail* reported Friday.

The donation includes 200 tons of maize, 100 tons of assorted food stuffs and 210 cartons of medicines.

Receiving the donation here Thursday, Deputy Minister in the Office of the Vice-President Rose Banda was

quoted as saying the Saudi Arabian assistance came against the backdrop of unfavourable weather conditions, in some parts of the country during the last farming season, which culminated in poor crop yield.

Banda hoped that the relief food and medicines would reach the intended target.—MNA/Xinhua



Hollywood celebrity couple Catherine Zeta-Jones (L) and Michael Douglas were awarded 14,600 pounds after telling the High Court that they were 'devastated, shocked and appalled' that photographers had gatecrashed their wedding.—INTERNET

Minimal damages to Douglas, Zeta-Jones over photos

LONDON, 10 Nov—Hollywood stars Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas won just 14,600 pounds in damages from *Hello!* on Friday, far short of the 500,000 pounds the couple wanted from the magazine for having published unauthorized photos of their wedding.

Hello! printed surreptitious pictures of the pair's star-studded 2000 wedding three days before official shots appeared in rival magazine *OK!*, which had signed a one-million-pound deal with the couple.

During a month-long case earlier this year in London, which the pair attended, Zeta-Jones called the photos sleazy and unflattering.

But at the High Court on Friday, judge John Lindsay ruled against them on several

key points.

Although he said *Hello!* had breached the couple's rights of confidence, he ruled against their claim of invasion of privacy and rejected their demands for "aggravated and exemplary damages".

Hello! could only be blamed for publishing the photos, not for the distress caused by the intrusion of the uninvited photographer who took the secret pictures, he said.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Hartson double takes Celtic 8 points clear

GLASGOW, 10 Nov— Wales striker John Hartson warmed up for next week's Euro 2004 playoff games with Russia by scoring twice as Celtic crushed Dunfermline Athletic 5-0 to move eight points clear at the top of the Scottish Premier League.

Hartson was on target after 23 and 77 minutes to crack Dunfermline's resistance before Ross Wallace, Stanislav Varga and Henrik Larsson completed the rout in the final 10 minutes. Celtic remain unbeaten at the top with 34 points from 12 games, eight points clear of champions Rangers who play at Kilmarnock on Sunday.

Despite the winning margin, Martin O'Neill's side looked unconvincing for long spells at Celtic Park on Saturday before finding their form, and the net, late on.

"We ended up winning 5-0 yet Dunfermline played very well in patches so I'm delighted to have won 5-0 and shown the ability and resilience that is currently running through the team," said O'Neill. Hartson scored the opener for Didier Agathe's cross on 23 minutes and slipped in his team's second, which looked offside, with 13 minutes of the game remaining.

MNA/Reuters

PSG win 1-0, Rennes player sent off for halftime fight

PARIS, 10 Nov— Paris-St. Germain kept in touch with Ligue 1 leaders Monaco thanks to a 1-0 win at Nantes on a strange night involving a power cut, a player sent off in the tunnel at halftime and the first win for bottom side Le Mans.

Stade Rennes played the last quarter on Saturday with nine men but they managed to hold out for a 2-2 draw with Lille, Le Mans beat Metz 2-0 and Nice downed Bastia by the same score.

Monaco visit AC Ajaccio on Sunday while champions Olympique Lyon play at Olympique Marseille in one of the big games of the season (2000 GMT kickoff).

After a goalless first half Nantes, fifth at start of play, dominated the start of the second and the home side almost went ahead

when Gregory Pujol's shot was saved by Jerome Alonzo.

Two minutes later Fabrice Florese, back in the PSG side after injury, showed good control outside the penalty area before firing home a fierce half volley.

But PSG owed their three points to Alonzo who pulled off at least four top-class saves. PSG have 23 points behind Monaco on 27, and Lyon and Marseille on 24.

In a thrilling game at Rennes, their striker Frederic Piquionne was sent off at halftime for fighting with home supporters who had insulted him.

Rennes were 1-0 down at the time after Vladimir Manchev had made the most of slack marking to score in the 32nd minute.

Eight minutes into the second half Alexander Frei equalized with a shot that went in off the post and Stephane N'Guema put 10-man Rennes ahead with a crashing header.

Rennes were reduced to nine when midfielder Cyril Jeunechamp picked up his second yellow for getting involved in a scuffle. Three minutes later Manchev fired his second, a volley from close in against a stretched Rennes defence. Frei then hit the Lille bar from a free kick and Manchev should have scored a third but he chipped wide when one on one with keeper Petr Cech.

Manchev is now top scorer in the league with eight goals.

The floodlights failed at Le Mans and the game was delayed about 35 minutes.

MNA/Reuters

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Iversen earns Wolves draw against Birmingham

LONDON, 10 Nov— A scrappy goal by Norway striker Steffen Iversen earned Wolverhampton Wanderers a 1-1 draw against local rivals Birmingham City at Molineux on Saturday.

Iversen bundled the ball home at the far post from Henri Camara's cross after 66 minutes to cancel out Finnish striker Mikael Forssell's strike for Birmingham.

Forssell, on-loan from Chelsea, scored four minutes into the second half when he slotted the ball past Wolves goalkeeper Michael Oakes following a slip by defender Jody Craddock.

Birmingham stay fourth on 20 points, five adrift of third-placed Manchester United in the Premier League table while Wolverhampton remain in 17th on 10 points.

MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Thierry Henry falls to the ground after colliding with Tottenham Hotspur's goalkeeper Kasey Keller during their Premiership match at Highbury Stadium in London. —INTERNET

Arsenal spike Spurs, Leeds get hit for six

LONDON, 10 Nov — Premier League leaders Arsenal showed typical resilience in beating Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 at Highbury on Saturday to preserve their unbeaten record this season and go four points clear at the top.

Freddie Ljungberg's deflected winner in the 78th minute settled a tight derby after Robert Pires had cancelled out Darren Anderton's early strike for Spurs.

But bottom club Leeds United's problems intensified after they crashed 6-1 at Portsmouth. Charlton Athletic went fourth in the table after a 3-1 home victory over Fulham.

Arsenal have 30 points, four more than Chelsea and five more than champions Manchester United, both of whom play on Sunday. Charlton have 21 points.

Arsene Wenger's side left it late to beat Dynamo Kiev in the Champions League on Wednesday and another salvage job was

required on Saturday to avert their first Highbury defeat by Spurs since 1993.

Tottenham fans were dreaming of a first win over their rivals anywhere since 1999 when Anderton anticipated superbly to divert a loose ball into the net after five minutes. Spurs defended well and Arsenal struggled to create clear chances until the 68th minute.

Then an offside-looking Thierry Henry galloped clear onto a Ray Parlour pass and although Kasey Keller superbly saved his shot, Pires was on hand to slam home the rebound. Ten minutes later Swedish midfielder Ljungberg struck a shot from the edge of the area and the ball looped up off defender Stephen Carr's boot, over the luckless Keller and into the net.

"They gave a lot on Wednesday night and you could see that but they had such a strong determination," Wenger told Sky Sports television. The kickoff at Fratton Park was delayed for half an hour by a power failure but it merely put off the inevitable as Peter Reid's Leeds team lost their seventh game in eight league matches.

Leeds, wallowing in crippling debts off the pitch, competed in the first half but fell apart in the second, conceding four goals.

Gary O'Neil scored twice for Portsmouth, who remain in mid-table after their best win of the season. Leeds stay bottom on eight points, the same tally as Blackburn Rovers and Leicester who did not play on Saturday.

Finnish striker Jonathon Johansson scored twice for Charlton as they got the better of London rivals Fulham, for whom midfielder Sean Davis made a scoring return after withdrawing his transfer request this week.

MNA/Reuters

Sampdoria deepen Empoli gloom, Brescia-Bologna draw blank

ROME, November 9 — First-half goals from strikers Fabio Bazzani and Cristiano Doni gave promoted Sampdoria a comfortable 2-0 win over Serie A strugglers Empoli on Saturday.

The victory lifted Sampdoria to eighth ahead of Sunday's matches but deepened the gloom surrounding Empoli, who have now lost five consecutive matches and remain rooted to the foot of the table with just two points from nine games.

The home side took the lead in the 21st minute when Bazzani latched on to Doni's through-ball and burst between two defenders before poking his shot past keeper Luca Bucci.

Six minutes later, Doni doubled home side's advantage with a free kick that crashed down off the crossbar but was adjudged to have gone over the line. —MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

Deportivo strike late to reclaim top spot

MADRID, 10 Nov— Deportivo Coruna recovered from their midweek European humiliation to return to the top of the Primera Liga on Saturday with a 2-1 victory over Real Sociedad that came courtesy of two Igor Jauregi own goals. Deportivo, handed a crushing 8-3 defeat by Monaco in the Champions League in midweek, were in trouble again on their return to domestic duty when Nihat Kahveci gave Sociedad the lead midway through the first half.

Jauregi turned a Joan Capdevila cross past his goalkeeper Sander Westerveld after 72 minutes, though, and the unfortunate defender got the final touch on a glancing Walter Pandiani header two minutes from time to hand Depor the win. Victory took Deportivo back top of the table with 25

points from 11 matches.

Valencia and Real Madrid, both with 23 points from 10 games, will look to move back ahead of Depor with victories on Sunday. Valencia are at home to Racing Santander, while Real travel to take on Sevilla.

Osasuna, in fourth place with 17 points, are at home to Valladolid in another of Sunday's games.

Athletic Bilbao climbed up to fifth with an uninspiring 1-0 win at home to bottom club Espanyol on Saturday. Bilbao's victory, which came via an early goal from Andoni Iraola, spoiled the homecoming for former Athletic coach Luis Fernandez, who replaced Javier Clemente in charge at Espanyol in midweek. — MNA/Reuters



Real Sociedad's Darko Kovacevic, left, from Serbia and Montenegro is tackled by Deportivo la Coruna's Portuguese player Jorge Manuel Andarade during a Spanish league soccer match in A Coruna, Spain, Saturday Nov. 8, 2003. Deportivo won 2-1. —INTERNET

MRTV-3**11-11-2003 (Tuesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
Lucky Bamboo
- 9:06 **9:10** **Headline News**
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Snake gourd
stuffing pounded
prawn)
- 9:15 **National News**
9:20 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (II)
(Upper Shangaung-
Awadam)
- 9:25 The Myanmar Dance,
A Modern Version
- 9:30 **National News**
9:35 Exhibition HIV/AIDS
Prevention and Control
Activities (Part-2)
Song "Glory of
Myanmar"
- 9:40 **9:45** **National News**
9:50 Ramayana in Myanmar
(Soorpanakha Episode)
(Part-IX)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

**11-11-2003 (Tuesday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 15:36 Lucky Bamboo
- 15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Snake gourd
stuffing pounded
prawn)
- 15:45 **National News**
15:50 National Convention
15:52 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (II)
(Upper Shangaung-
Awadam)
- 15:55 The Myanmar Dance,
A Modern Version
- 16:00 **National News**

- 16:05 Exhibition HIV/AIDS
Prevention and Con-
trol Activities (Part-2)
Song "Glory of
Myanmar"
- 16:12 Solar car for energy
saving
- 16:15 **National News**
16:20 Ramayana in
Myanmar (Soorpa-
nakha Episode)
(Part-IX)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30 **National News**
16:35 Myanma Crocodiles
16:40 Myanma Cuisine
"Steamed Eggplant
with Tomato Sauce"
- 16:45 **National News**
16:50 Myanmar Marine
Products For All Na-
tions
- 16:55 Rakhine Traditional
Cultural Dance Hon-
ouring Buddha
- 17:00 **National News**
17:05 The beautiful green ice
Song "You from next
door"
- 17:12 Weaving school in
Falam
- 17:15 **National News**
17:20 Agricultural Marketing
in Myanmar
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Livistona Speciosa
(Taung Htan)
- 19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Short-headed
Fish with Morinda
Curry)
- 19:45 **National News**
19:50 National Convention
19:52 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (I)
(Yangon-Putao-Upper
Shangaung)
- 19:55 The stage male dance
- 20:00 **National News**
20:05 Let's mail the lovely
cards
Song "What love is?"
A Prospective Industry
in Shan North
- 20:15 **National News**
20:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma
JATAKA Scene (I)
Song "Beauty of
Wakema"
- 20:30 **National News**
20:35 The Golden Jubilee

- 20:40 Celebrations of the
Rawan Literature and
Culture Society
Myanmar Cuisine
"Steamed Prawn
Curry"
- 20:45 **National News**
20:50 Making of Traditional
Lacqueredware
- 20:55 National Dance
"Kachin Dance"
- 20:58 What an interesting
souvenir shop
- 21:00 **National News**
21:05 Lobsters Trading
Song "The Outstanding
Ones"
- 21:12 Tribal Dances of
Lajapet and Khaku
National Races in
Kachin State
- 21:15 **National News**
21:20 Fossilized Wood Gar-
den
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Myanma Panorama &
Myanma Sentiment"
- 21:36 Lucky Bamboo
- 21:40 **Headline News**
21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Snake gourd
stuffing pounded
prawn)
- 21:45 **National News**
21:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (II)
(Upper Shangaung-
Awadam)
- 21:55 The Myanmar Dance,
A Modern Version
- 22:00 **National News**
22:05 Mogok Gem-mining
Enterprise
- 22:10 Song "Glory of
Myanmar"
- 22:12 Solar car for energy
saving
- 22:15 **National News**
22:20 Ramayana in Myanmar
(Soorpanakha Episode)
(Part-IX)
- 22:25 Song "Mawlayaing
The Jewel of the
Crown"
- 22:30 **National News**
22:35 Myanma Crocodiles
22:40 Myanma Cuisine
"Steamed Eggplant
with Tomato Sauce"
- 22:45 **National News**
22:50 Myanmar Marine
Products For All Na-
tions
- 22:55 Rakhine Traditional
Cultural Dance Hon-
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- 23:00 **National News**
23:05 The beautiful green ice
Song "You From Next
Door"
- 23:12 Weaving School in
Falam
- 23:15 **National News**

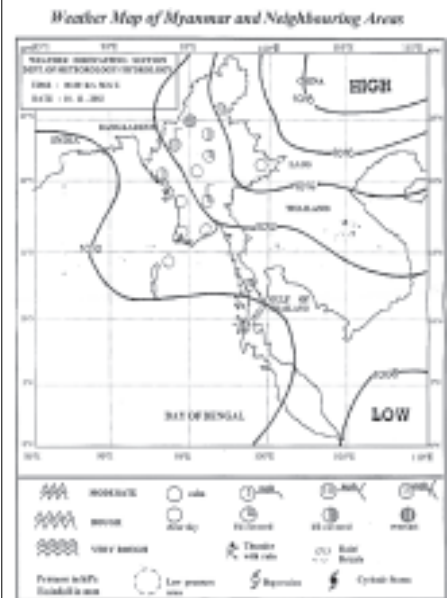
- 23:20 Agricultural Marketing
in Myanmar
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"
- 11-11-2003 (Tuesday) &
12-11-2003 (Wednesday)
**Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)**
- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights
- 23:36 Lucky Bamboo
- 23:40 **Headline News**
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Dishes (Snake gourd
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gion (II)
(Upper Shangaung-
Awadam)
- 23:55 The Myanmar Dance,
A Modern Version
- 24:00 **National News**
00:05 Exhibition HIV/AIDS
Prevention and Control
Activities (Part-2)
Song "Glory of
Myanmar"
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saving
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- 00:55 Rakhine Traditional
Cultural Dance Hon-
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- 01:00 **National News**
01:05 The beautiful green ice
Song "You From Next
Door"
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- 01:15 **National News**
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in Myanmar
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

သုံးအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်နေပါကရေလျှပ်ကူးမှုပြုမည်

တပ်မတော်ခန့်မ၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့

၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ်၊ နိုဝင်ဘာလ (၁၀) ရက်မှ (၁၂) ရက်နေ့အထိ

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**WEATHER****Monday, 10 November, 2003**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 5°C to 6°C below normal in Kayah State, Kayin and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Magway Divisions, 3°C to 4°C below normal in Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 9-11-2003 was 35.0°C (95°F). Minimum temperature on 10-11-2003 was 17.0°C (63°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-11-2003 was 64%.

Total sunshine hours on 9-11-2003 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-11-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2211 mm (87.05 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2394 mm (94.25 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Southwest at (11:30) hours MST on 9-11-2003.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-11-2003: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%)

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-11-2003: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-11-2003: Fair weather.



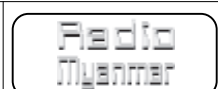
Tuesday, November 11

View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw
U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာနုပဋိပက္ခ၊
အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘန္တုသိရိန္ဒာ
ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်)
ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော
ဥပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am**
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
6. ကဗျာပန်းညွန့်
- 8:10 am**
7. Songs of yesteryears
- 8:20 am**
8. ဓားဝါကတော့ရေလှောင်တံခွန်

- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:25 pm**
3. English For Everyday
Use
- 4:35 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm**
5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်သွားရော
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ပထမနိဗ္ဗာန် (ရက္ခမောဒ)
သတ္တဗျူဟာ အထူးပြုချာ
(ရက္ခမောဒ)
- 5:00 pm**
6. Dance of national
races
- 5:10 pm**
7. ဓားဝါကတော့ရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 5:25 pm**
8. (၂၂)မြို့ခံမြောက်အရပ်တောင်
အရပ် အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲအကြို
ပြိုင်ဆိုင်လေ့ကျင့်မှု (ဘောလုံးတောင်)

- 5:40 pm**
9. Sing and enjoy
- 6:30 pm**
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
12. Milo success in
soccer
- 7:10 pm**
13. Musical programme
- 7:20 pm**
14. တော်ခီ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:30 pm**
15. The mirror images of
the musical oldies
- 7:40 pm**
16. နိုင်ငံအခန်းသစ်တော့စွမ်းမြင့်
မင်းလမ်းစရေစည်
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတုံ့
"မေတ္တာပူသည့်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
21. Calcio Serie A
Highlight
22. The next day's
programme



Tuesday, November 11

Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music
- 8:50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
- Good times
(Peaches & herbs)
- 9:00 pm** English Lesson:
Look Ahead (57)
- 9:15 pm** Article/Music
- 9:25 pm** Weekly sports reel
- 9:35 pm** Music for your
listening pleasure
- Tears in heaven
(Eric Cliptan)
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and officials welcome Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen and party at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Cambodian Prime Minister arrives for Summit

YANGON, 10 Nov—Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen and party arrived here to attend the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand to be hosted in

Myanmar by special aircraft this morning.

The delegation led by Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win

Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Saw Hla Min and officials, Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hul Phany. The Prime Minister and party went to Sedona Hotel. The Cambo-

dian Prime Minister was accompanied by Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Hor Namhong, Minister of Commerce Mr Cham Prasidh, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Mr Cham Sarum, Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy Mr Suy Sem and deputy ministers and senior officials.—MNA

Thai PM arrives to attend Summit

YANGON, 10 Nov—A delegation led by Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra arrived here this evening to attend the summit meeting on economic cooperation strategy of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand to be hosted in Myanmar.

The Thai Prime Minister and party were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Surakiat Sathirathai who is currently here, Deputy Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint, Thai Ambassador Mr Oum Maolanon and officials.

The delegation led by Thai Prime Minister proceeded to Kandawgyi Palace Hotel where they would stay.

The Thai Prime Minister was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Mr Somkid Jatusripitak, Minister of Transport Mr Suriya Jungrungreangkit, Minister of Energy Mr Prommin Lertsuridej, the

deputy ministers and senior officials.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and officials welcome Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and party at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Pagodas, monasteries in Mandalay crowded with people

YANGON, 10 Nov—On 8 November (fullmoon day of Tazaungmon), pagodas and monasteries in Mandalay were crowded with people offering flowers, water and lights, keeping Sabbath and meditating. At night, lighting ceremonies were held at famous pagodas.

Maha Muni Yokeshindaw image was crowded with devotees at 4 am. Devotees led by Yaydaw Sayadaw

Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pañavamsa cleansed the face of the image and offered *Soon*, fruits and water to it at 5 am.

Devotees offered gold foils, flowers, water and light to the image. Fish are set free and fed.

Other famous pagodas in Mandalay were also crowded with the pilgrims.

MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects monsoon paddy cultivation in Nyaungdon Township

YANGON, 10 Nov—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and officials of the State Peace and Development

Council office, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries arrived at the border of Yangon and Ayeyawady Div-

isions yesterday.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party were welcomed by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander

of South West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and heads of departments.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander arrived at Ashwelkwin farm between Mezali and Ashwel Villages in Nyaungdon Township. Maubin District Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Mya Shein reported on cultivation of monsoon paddy and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected samples of beans and pulses and summer paddy in the township. In meeting with local farmers, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on preparation for cultivation of

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects harvesting of monsoon paddy in Kangyidaunk Township. — MNA

